

Amendments to the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis comprising:
 a strapping member adapted for use on a lower leg, having an ankle and a foot;
~~and having~~ an anterior longitudinal stiffener, wherein said anterior longitudinal stiffener
is constructed from a reinforced resin to be inflexibly rigid;
 a sole plate; and
 a strut, wherein said strut is constructed from a reinforced resin to be resiliently and
flexibly configurable, and
wherein said strut extends from said anterior longitudinal stiffener to a lateral side of said
sole plate such that said strut is disposed adjacent an anterior portion of said ankle to connect
said anterior longitudinal stiffener with said strut, connecting the longitudinal stiffener and the
~~sole plate, the strut extending to the sole plate at the outer side thereof, and anterior of the~~
~~position of the ankle, wherein said strut is flexible.~~

14. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,
 wherein at least a portion of said strut and said sole plate ~~the flexible portions of the orthosis are~~
is manufactured substantially of one of glass fibre and aramid fibre reinforced resin, and wherein
said anterior longitudinal stiffener ~~the inflexible portion~~ is manufactured of a carbon fibre
reinforced resin.

15. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,
 wherein said sole plate includes a plate area having an inflexibly rigid portion and a flexibly non-
rigid portion wherein the rigidity of sole plate varies over the area thereof, portions being
inflexible, and portions being flexible so as to give support to the for supporting said foot while
~~whilst allowing toes on said foot to bend~~ bending of the toes.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,
wherein the strapping member is adapted to extend around the sides of a ~~said~~ ¹¹ leg, and has
→ securing straps adapted to accommodate a variation in leg thickness. ✓

18. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 17,
wherein said strapping member is ~~moulded~~ ¹¹ constructed from a ⁽¹⁾ soft thermoplastic material so as
to be mouldable by application of heat. ↑ relative flexion

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wherein said strut is ¹¹ encased. ↑ No strut

20. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 19,
wherein said the strut is encased in a sleeve of plastics material.

21. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 20,
wherein said sleeve is heat shrinkable to allow said sleeve to be tightly moulded so as to mould
itself tightly to the contours of the said strut.

22. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,
wherein fasteners ²⁴ are provided and whereby the said anterior longitudinal stiffener is ~~movable~~
longitudinally movable relative to said of the strapping member

23. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 22,
wherein said anterior longitudinal stiffener is disposed on the an inside portion of said strapping
member. #

allow? 24. (Currently Amended) An ~~ankle/foot~~ ankle and foot orthosis according to claim 13,
wherein said strapping member includes a channel and wherein said anterior longitudinal
stiffener resides in a said channel of the strapping member.

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wherein said channel includes an opening disposed in a bottom portion of said channel ~~is open at~~
~~the bottom.~~
